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What is claimed is:

1. A coating film-stripping solution containing, as essential components, at least one stripping substance selected from the group consisting of alkali metals, alkali metal compounds, phosphoric acids, phosphoric acid compounds, phosphates, organic acids and organic acid salts, and an amide compound.
2. A coating film-stripping solution as claimed in claim 1, wherein the stripping substance is a lower alkoxyalkali metal compound.
3. A coating film-stripping solution as claimed in claim 2, wherein the lower alkoxyalkali metal is sodium ethoxide.
4. A coating film-stripping solution as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the coating film-stripping solution further contains a stripping co-solvent.
5. A coating film-stripping solution as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the stripping co-solvent is a solvent to cause a coating film to be stripped to swell.
6. A coating film-stripping solution as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the stripping co-solvent is a mixed solvent of a solvent (A) having a water-solubility of 5% by weight or more with a solvent (B) having a water-solubility

less than 5% by weight.

7. A coating film-stripping method, which comprises coating a coating film-stripping solution as claimed in any one of claims 1-6 onto the surface of a cured coating film adhered to a substrate, followed by stripping the cured coating film.

8. A coating film-stripping method, which comprises coating a coating film-stripping solution as claimed in any one of claims 1-6 onto the surface of a cured coating film adhered to a substrate, followed by washing with water to strip the cured coating film, and drying.

9. A coating film-stripping method, which comprises coating a coating film-stripping solution as claimed in any one of claims 1-6 onto the surface of a cured coating film adhered to a substrate, followed by stripping the cured coating film, washing with water, and drying.

10. A coating film-stripping method as claimed in claim 8 or 9, wherein coating of the coating film-stripping solution as claimed in any one of claims 1-6 onto the surface of the cured coating film adhered to the substrate is followed by heating at a temperature of 40 to 100°C.

11. A coating film-stripping method as claimed in claim 8

or 9, wherein coating of the coating film-stripping solution as claimed in any one of claims 1-6 onto the surface of the cured coating film adhered to the substrate is followed by partly or wholly covering the surface of the resulting coating film with a sheet.